

Spot Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman



It's That Ho, Ho, Ho Time

A gay happy holiday season to all of the good and true advertisers who appear regularly with us on these weekly entertainment pages comes, herewith from the old spot checker. Good folks such as The Tea House, Fisherman's Haven and Galley West. Then there's the International Hotel, Roadium Drive-In, the San Franciscan, Pizza Palace, The Red Onion, Latitude 20, BBQ Pete, Indian Village, Ramada Inn, La Ronda, Kyoto, Marquis, Wray's Restaurant, The Majador, S.S. Princess Louise, The Red Balloon, Pacific Lounge, The Jet Room Lounge, Hacienda Hotel, Woody's, The Pen and Quill, Howard Johnson, Jump 'N' Jack, Velvet Turtle, Sam's Cafe, 438 Keys, Zebra Room, Half Way House, Friar Tuck, Ahmanson Theatre, Long Beach Civic Light Opera,

- Forum East
- The Canton Kitchen, Cove Bowl, Granada Theatre, Hollywood Bowl, Barbershop Quartette, Venetian Room, Taco Si, House of Prime, The Dales, Time Out, Sizzler, Roger's Restaurant

are any omissions in this Yule message, we apologize. And ho, ho, ho to you, too, at this ever-so-jolly time of year. There will be several spots ready and waiting to serve you on Christmas Day. Course, there'll be many more who will close their doors on that day, too, and give their employees an opportunity to

be with their families on that Day of Days.

As a starter, let's take a look in at Hop Louie's Latitude 20 on Pacific Coast Highway in Torrance.

As you probably know it's the Martin Denny group all through the holidays and Hop wanted you to be reminded about the reservations, for

both Christmas and New Years.

It's the usual custom for the Latitude 20 to close on Mondays, but this year, due to the way the holidays fall, they'll be like open Jan. 1. Now the release didn't state this same arrangement would prevail over the Christmas weekend but it would be reasonable to assume, if they're taking reservations, they must be planning on remaining open Christmas Day. Will check back and leave you know.

Meanwhile, keep in mind, there's no change in policy at the Latitude 20 regarding costs—that is to say—no cover, no minimum or no admission charges are made for holidays.

Okay—so that clears that up! Just talked with Hop Louie and he informed us that THIS weekend will be the same as any other—that is, Latitude 20 will be closed Monday as per. (Well now just a minute! Since they're taking reservations for Christmas, when ya' suppose they will serve?) Well what's probably meant is that Christmas Eve, Sunday, you should make reservations if you intend making it by Latitude 20 then. Got it? Good for you. We haven't! Anyway, no matter what nite you "invade" this fine Torrance spot, you're sure to enjoy yourself.

Got quite a start last week when we opened the new copy for BBQ Pete. Couldn't figure at first just what Pete and Anne Petroff were get-

ting to but upon further examination, all was clear.

As you can see by their ad... it reads "Beat Your Wife!" Wow! and then it goes on to say "...to Pete's and eat the world's best BBQ in the beautiful Pete's Lounge." So you can believe it, this was quite a relief.

Now whether or not Pete and Anne are planning anything big for Christmas, can't tell but you can rest assured, any time you visit this famous Inglewood dinery, you dine well. They feature take-out orders, too. There are ribs, chicken, short ribs, steaks, seafood, pizza, Mexican food, spaghetti, just name it and probably it's available at BBQ Pete, 11109 Hawthorne Blvd., Inglewood.

Are you keeping in mind the Las Posadas bash that goes on these nites over at La Ronda on Robertson Blvd., Beverly Hills?

Owner-host Ben Curz entertains there nite and the Las Posadas bit will go right up through Dec. 24. That's the kind of the Mexican Christmas, y'know. Meanwhile, it's the Mariachi Fiesta every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nite. So get in on the fun at La Ronda.

Now before you get all schronched up about The San Francisco Restaurant and the lack of Christmas type advertising, don't think that Sam Failla hasn't got the old

Christmas spirit 'cause he has. In fact, if you look closely, you'll not that Mr. Failla has spent good advertising space money just to wish all his patrons a most cordial and happy Yuletide season.

Y'see, Sam's figuring on closing Christmas Day so as to allow his employees to spend a few happy hours with their families and friends. Well the guys and gals down there DO have families and friends, y'know. People like Ace Murphy, John Winterbottom and Bob Jahns for example. Then there's "Big Bill" and Bob Lewis to say nothing of Bob Irwin and the "Spot Checker," all members in good standing at the "Round Table."

Space doesn't allow to mention all the stalwarts at the San Franciscan Round Table but to one and all, Sam sends his very best.

Meanwhile, he's stumping for that New Year's Eve bash and it should be a beaut, according to last year's figures. There's no cover, admission, or minimum for this wonderful Torrance Open House, but reservations are suggested.

Johnny Hoover and the Henchmen along with that "sex on the sax" gal Ivy Black, are on hand for your dancing and listening enjoyment. It'll be a gala affair! Y'all come!

West Century. It'll be turkey with all the fixin's from 2 'til 10 p.m. and will run you an even four-fifty in the Hunt Room and in the Penthouse it's to be five-fifty between the same hours.

Dinner'll also be served in the Coffee Shop from one in the afternoon 'til nine at nite and this one'll run you two ninety-five.

Then if the kids are hungry (as which of them aren't—constantly!) there's a special kiddies plate for one ninety-five in the Coffee Shop, two and a quarter in the Hunt Room, and in the Penthouse it's two ninety-five.

Remember, all this happens Monday, Dec. 25.

SATURDAY SPECIAL
"STEAK FESTIVAL"
U. S. GOVERNMENT GRADED
T-BONE STEAK
Chilled Green Salad or Tomato Juice
French Fried Potatoes (or Baked Potato After 5 P. M.)
Hot Roll and Butter
\$1.89
CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

WRAY'S RESTAURANT
15421 CRENSHAW — GARDENA — 772-4057

DEAR SECRETARIES:
(Handwritten signatures)
Your Host,
JOHN GREGORY
RAMADA INN
4111 PAC. COAST HWY.
TORRANCE
378-8511

La Ronda proudly presents
LAS POSADAS
Through Dec. 24
Reservations Suggested 652-0774
Your Singing Host
BEN CURZ
MARIACHI FIESTA
Wed., Fri., Sat. Nites
228 So. Robertson Blvd.
(Bet. Wilshire & Olympic)
Beverly Hills

MEXICAN FOOD SONORA STYLE
Served Seven Days a Week
GIANT COCKTAIL HOUR
2 TO 7
the RED ONION
The **TEPEYAC DUO**
THURS., FRI. & SAT.
27736 Silver Spur Road
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AT MARINELAND OF THE PACIFIC
... more than just a restaurant!
WILD! WILD! WILD!
THE **WILDER BROS.**
BANQUET FACILITIES TO 250
WEDDING RECEPTIONS
Company Parties • Club Groups
Fashion Show Thursday Noon
FOR RESERVATIONS TELEPHONE 377-7877
OPERATED BY INTERSTATE HOSTS, INC.

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10948 W. FIGO BLVD.
WEST LOS ANGELES
475-4949
DINNER • COCKTAILS • SUPPER
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The Tea House
Superb Cantonese Cuisine
APPEARING NITELY
THE HAWAIIAN
MONDAY THRU SATURDAY
By Popular Demand Every Monday and Tuesday
HAWAIIAN NITE
Family style dinners from \$1.85
EXOTIC POLYNESIAN COCKTAILS
Entertainment Mon. thru Sat. Nights in the cocktail lounge
Acres of free parking in front and rear
PHONE 326-5420
28318 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance (1 Mi. W. of Pacific Coast Hwy. 101)

GALA PREMIERE!
BENEFIT PERFORMANCE
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4
For the Boys' Club of Hollywood
at the **FORUM**
Manchester & Prairie in Inglewood

A Community Service of
Channel 7 **KABC-TV**
Holiday on Ice
23rd EDITION
OF 1968
WORLD'S GREATEST ICE SPECTACULAR!
7 Fabulous Productions featuring
Huge Cast of International
Skating Champions and Stars
TICKETS ON SALE AT THE FORUM BOX OFFICE AND ALL MUTUAL TICKET AGENCIES

NO COV. **NOW! ALL NEW SHOW!** NO MIN.
CANTONESE AND MANDARIN DINNERS • HOLIDAY RESERVATIONS SUGGESTED
MARTIN DENNY
3001 PACIFIC COAST HWY. TORRANCE 378-8358
LATITUDE 20 CLOSED MONDAYS

PIZZA PALACE
FUN ★ FUN ★ FUN
TORRANCE 384 SEPULVEDA BLVD.
GARDENA 14028 CRENSHAW BLVD.

Kyoto
1832 So. Western Ave., Gardena PA. 1-667 327-7611

Now at the Red Balloon COFFEE SHOPS
Southern Fried Chicken \$1.09
Creamy whipped potatoes with chicken gravy, cole slaw, hot roll and butter. (No take-out, please.)
TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY NITES
ALL YOU CAN EAT **SPAGHETTI**
WITH SPECIAL MEAT SAUCE
99c
Tossed Salad, Hot Dressing, Garlic Bread
Porterhouse Steak **1.99**
Potatoes, Salad, Butter & Roll, Tea or Coffee

Red Balloon
17544 HAWTHORNE BLVD.
TORRANCE 370-3113

Sam Failla Sends His Warmest Christmas Greetings To His Many Friends & Patrons of the San Franciscan
JOHNNY HOOVER AND THE HENCHMEN
Featuring Ivy Black "Sex on the Sax"
Reservations Now Accepted for GALA NEW YEARS EVE PARTY
No Cover • Open House • No Minimum
THE San Franciscan
RESTAURANT & COCKTAIL LOUNGE
2520 SEPULVEDA BLVD., TORRANCE DA 5-3231
Corner of Sepulveda & Crenshaw

DRIVE-IN ROADIUM THEATRE
Redondo Beach Blvd. at Crenshaw, Gardena DA 4-2664
LAST TIME! ONE WEEK HOLIDAY SHOW
"DR. ZHIVAGO"
IN COLOR
STARTS DEC. 29 THRU DEC. 31
TWO SHOWINGS NIGHTLY — 4:30 P.M. & 10:00 P.M.
STARTS DEC. 27 "DIRTY DOZEN"

CHRISTMAS DINNER
(Turkey and all the trimmings) will be served Sunday, Dec. 25th, in the:
HUNT ROOM... 2 to 10 p.m. from \$4.50
PENTHOUSE... 2 to 10 p.m. from \$5.50
COFFEE SHOP open 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. Dinner served 1 to 9 p.m. from \$2.95
SPECIAL CHILD'S PLATE
COFFEE SHOP... \$1.95
HUNT ROOM... \$2.25
PENTHOUSE... \$2.95
INTERNATIONAL HOTEL
6211 W. CENTURY BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90048
Reservations: 670-9000
Ample FREE Self-parking
Plan a gala New Year's Eve at the International make your reservations now

BEAT YOUR WIFE...
To Pete's and Eat World's Best BBQ in the Beautiful Pete's Lounge
BBQ Pete
TAKE OUT • RIBS • CHICKEN
SHORT RIBS • STEAK • FISH
PIZZA • MEXICAN FOOD • SPAGHETTI
11109 HAWTHORNE BLVD.
INGLEWOOD—PHONE 678-9957
DAILY 11 TO 11—FRI & SAT. TILL 1 A.M.

FISHERMAN'S HAVEN
Fresh Oysters and Clams on the Half Shell
MANY OTHER SEAFOOD SPECIALTIES
LUNCH • DINNER
COCKTAILS
at Fisherman's Wharf
FR. 9-1477 Redondo Beach

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Special Dinners for Little Braves and Squaws
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